

THE HOWLANDS IN AMERICA



THE MAYFLOWER

"Next to the fugitives whom Moses led out of Egypt, the little ship load of outcasts who landed at Plymouth are destined to influence the future of the world."

—JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

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CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN
OF
JOHN AND ELIZABETH HOWLAND

- (1) DESIRE, born —; died Oct. 13, 1683, in Barnstable. Married 1643, Capt. John Gorham, who was baptized at Benefield, Northamptonshire, England, Jan. 28, 1621, and died Feb. 5, 1675-6.

Their children were:

DESIRE, born May 20, 1644, in Plymouth.
TEMPERANCE, born May 5, 1646, in Marshfield.
ELIZABETH, born April 2, 1648, in Marshfield.
JAMES, born April 28, 1650, in Marshfield.
JOHN, born Feb. 20, 1651, in Marshfield.
JOSEPH, born Feb. 16, 1653, in Yarmouth.
JABEZ, born August 3, 1656, in Barnstable.
MERCY, born Jan. 20, 1658, in Barnstable.
LYDIA, born Nov. 11, 1661, in Barnstable.
HANNAH, born 1663, in Barnstable.
SHUBAEL, born 1667, in Barnstable.

- (2) JOHN, born Feb. 24, 1627, in Plymouth. Married Oct. 26, 1651, Mary, daughter of Robert Lee, of Barnstable. His father owned land in Marshfield, which he afterwards exchanged for a tract in Barnstable. John, Jr., may have occupied these lands, which would explain his moving to Barnstable.

He possessed a great deal of energy, was a systematic business man, and was highly respected in the colony. In 1674 he was appointed by the court "Ensigne of the Milletary companie" of Barnstable, and in 1689 was chosen one of the selectmen of that town.

Their children were:

MARY, born 1652; married John Allyn of Barnstable.
ELIZABETH, born May 17, 1655; married first John Bursley, 1673; second Isaac Hamblin, Sept. 16, 1691.
ISAAC, born Nov. 25, 1659; lived in Barnstable. Married Dec. 27, 1686. Ann Taylor.

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HANNAH, born May 15, 1661; married May 20, 1686, Jonathan Crocker of Barnstable.

MERCY, born Jan. 21, 1663; died 1717; married April 27, 1704, Joseph Hamblin.

LYDIA, born Jan. 9, 1665; married Joseph Jenkins.

EXPERIENCE, born July 28, 1668.

ANNE, born Sept. 9, 1670; married Sept. 18, 1691, Joseph Crocker.

SHUBAEL, born Sept. 30, 1672.

JOHN, born Dec. 31, 1674, in Barnstable; married first Abigail Crocker; married second Mary Crocker. John lived and died in Barnstable. His will, in which all his children are mentioned, was dated Feb. 8, 1738. The estate inventoried 1088 pounds, 8 shillings. His will says, "My will is that if my son John should fail of being brought up to college, then he shall become an equal partner with my son Job in the real estate." His son John graduated at Harvard.

- (3) JABEZ, born probably 1628, in Plymouth. Married Bethiah Thatcher. He lived in Plymouth until 1680, when he moved to Bristol, R. I. He did good service under Capt. Benjamin Church in the King Phillip war. In August, 1676, he went up with Church into Dartmouth, where the Indians were doing a great deal of harm, and while there "had the fortune to discover and imprison a parcel of the enemy." He is referred to at this time as one "who was now, and often the Lieutenant, and worthy good soldier."

Jabez was a blacksmith and cooper, and carried on a large business in Bristol. At the first town-meeting for the transaction of general business (Nov. 10, 1681) Jabez Howland was chosen town clerk, and the following June he was elected selectman.

Their children were:

JABEZ, born Nov. 15, 1669, in Plymouth; married Patience Stafford. Lived and died in Bristol—Oct. 7, 1732. He was an industrious, thrifty business man, and his estate inventoried over \$15,000.

JOHN, born Jan. 15, 1673; died Jan., 1673.

BETHIAH, born June 3, 1674; died 1676 in Plymouth.

JOSIAH, born Aug. 6, 1676, in Plymouth; married Yetmercy Shove, Nov. 24, 1709. He was a blacksmith and innholder in Bristol, R. I., where he always lived and died.

JOHN, born July 26, 1679; died —.

JUDAH, born May 7, 1683; died —.

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SETH, born Jan. 5, 1685; died April, 1685.

SAMUEL, born May 24, 1686, in Bristol, R. I.; married May 6, 1708, Abigail Cary.

EXPERIENCE, born May 19, 1687; died in infancy.

JOSEPH, born Oct. 14, 1692, in Bristol, R. I.; baptized Sept. 8, 1695, in the First Congregational Church, Bristol; married Bathsheba Cary. They lived in Swanzey, and perhaps in Newport, R. I. He died Aug. 16, 1737.

ELIZABETH, born —; married Nathan Townsend, of Newport, R. I.

- (4) HOPE, born Aug. 30, 1629; died Jan. 8, 1684; married as early as 1646, John Chipman, of Plymouth, afterwards of Barnstable, who came in 1630 from Barnstable, England. Their son Samuel had a son John, who graduated at Harvard college, and was a clergyman. Samuel's son Thomas had a son Samuel, who was the father of Judge Nathaniel Chipman, a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, U. S. Senator, and Chief Justice of Vermont.

Their children were:

ELIZABETH, born June 24, 1648, in Plymouth; married Hosea Joyce before 1676; died after Feb., 1712.

HOPE, born August 31, 1652, at Barnstable; married (1) John Huckins, August 10, 1670; (2) Jonathan Cobb, March 1, 1632/3; died July 25/26, 1728, Middleboro.

LYDIA, born Dec. 25, 1654, at Barnstable; married about 1675, John Sargent; died March 2, 1730, Malden.

JOHN, born March 2, 1656/7; died May 29, 1657.

HANNAH, born Jan. 14, 1658, at Barnstable; married May 1, 1680, Thomas Huckins, Barnstable; died Nov. 4, 1696.

SAMUEL, born April 15, 1661; married Sarah Cobb, Dec. 27, 1686, Barnstable; died 1722/23.

RUTH, born Dec., 1663, at Barnstable; married Eleazer Crocker, April 7, 1682, Barnstable; died April 8, 1698.

BETHIA, born July 1, 1666; married Shubael Dimock; died before 1699.

MERCY, born Feb. 6, 1668, at Barnstable; married Nathan Skiff Dec. 13, 1699, Sandwich; died June 12, 1724, Chilmark.

JOHN, born March 3, 1670, at Barnstable; married Mary Skiff; died Jan. 4, 1756.

DESIRE, born Feb. 26, 1673, at Barnstable; married Melatiah Bourne Feb. 23, 1692/3, Sandwich; died March 28, 1705, Sandwich.

- (5) ELIZABETH, born —; died —; married first Ephraim Hicks of Plymouth, Sept. 13, 1649, who died Dec. 2, 1649. Married second John Dickarson of Plymouth July 10, 1651, who mar-

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ried first Elizabeth, sister of Ephraim Hicks.

Their children (born at Oyster Bay, Long Island) were:

ELIZABETH, born Oct. 11, 1652; married Caleb Wright before 1680; died Feb. 5, 1695.

JOSEPH, born Dec. 24, 1654; married Rose Townsend; died about 1721.

MERCY, born Feb. 23, 1657.

JABEZ, born July, 1660.

LYDIA, born August 5, 1662.

SAMUEL, born Jan. 26, 1665.

MEHETABELL, born Feb., 1667.

HANNAH, born Jan. 6, 1671.

JAMES, born May 27, 1675.

- (6) LYDIA, born —; died —; married John Brown. They settled in Swanzey.

Their children were:

JAMES, born May 4/21, 1655, at Rehoboth; married Margaret Denison June 5, 1678; died April 15, 1718, Barrington, L. I.

DOROTHY, born Aug. 29, 1666, at Swansea, Mass.; married Joseph Kent, Jr., Nov. 12, 1690, Swansea; died Nov. 12, 1727, Rehobeth.

JABEZ, born about 1667; married Jane —; died before July 7, 1747.

- (7) RUTH, born —; died —; married Nov. 17, 1664, Thomas, son of Thomas and grandson of Rev. Robert Cushman of Plymouth.

Their children were:

ROBERT, born Oct. 4, 1664, at Plymouth; married (1) Persis — about 1697, who died Jan. 14, 1743; married (2) Prudence Sherman Feb., 1744/5; died Sept. 7, 1757, Kingston.

THOMAS, born about 1670 at Duxbury; married Sarah Strong; died Jan. 9, 1726/7, Lebanon, Conn.

DESIRE, born Feb. 9, 1673; married Samuel Kent after Dec. 17, 1686; died Feb. 8, 1763.

- (8) HANNAH, born —; died —; married Jonathan Bosworth July 6, 1661.

Their children were:

MERCY, born May 30, 1662.

HANNAH, born Nov. 5, 1663.

JONATHAN, born Dec. 24, 1666.

DAVID, born Sept. 15, 1669.

JABEZ, born Feb. 14, 1673.

ELIZABETH, born July 31, 1676.

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JONATHAN, born Sept. 22, 1680; married Nov. 26, 1703, to Sarah Rounds, and had son, Ichabod, born May 31, 1706. (Swansey Records.)

- (9) JOSEPH, born — at Rocky Nook, Plymouth colony; married Dec. 7, 1664, Elizabeth, only daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Southworth, of Plymouth. He was commissioned a lieutenant of militia in 1679, which position he held for many years. He also served the town as one of an auditing committee, and was surveyor of highways and selectman. He was a large real estate owner. Joseph, his son Thomas, his grandson Consider, and his great, great grandson Thomas successively held the land on which Pilgrim Hall, in Plymouth, now stands.

Their children were:

LYDIA, born 1665; died July 6, 1717; married Jeremiah Thomas.

ELIZABETH, born —; died —; married September 14, 1684, Joseph Hamblin.

MARY, born —; died —; married Nov. 3, 1718, George Connett.

THOMAS, born —; died Dec. 7, 1739. Married 1699, Hannah Cole. They settled in Plymouth where he died. In 1728 he threw out land for a street, which was named Howland Street, on which he afterwards erected a dwelling. He and his sons Consider, Thomas and Joseph all owned much land on this street.

JAMES, born in Plymouth; married Sept. 8, 1697, Mary Lothrop.

NATHANIEL, born in Plymouth; married March 3, 1696-7, Martha Cole; married second Jan. 25, 1725, Abigail Churchill, widow of Francis Billington. They always lived in Plymouth. In 1698 he owned twelve acres of land opposite the foot of Cushman Street (formerly owned by Governor Bradford). He was a large landholder in Plymouth. In 1732 he bought the house built by Consider Howland on North Street, and probably lived there. This house was afterwards owned and kept as an Inn by Thomas Southworth Howland, and was the favorite resort and dining place of the Old Colony Club.

SARAH, born 1687; died before 1703.

BENJAMIN, born 1689; died Sept. 7, 1689.

JOSEPH, born —; died July 8, 1689. He and Benjamin were probably twins.

- (10) ISAAC, born Nov. 15, 1649, in Plymouth; died March 9, 1724. Married Elizabeth Vaughn of Middleborough. He was an earnest, active citizen and was very prominent in the early settlement of Middleborough, residing on the land willed him by his father, the Pilgrim John Howland. He was surveyor

of highways in 1672, selectman in 1674, admitted freeman in 1681, member of the "Grand Enquest" in 1682, licensed in 1684 to keep an Inn and a deputy in 1689-91. (These Inns or Taverns could only be kept under a license from the General Court, which was only issued to the "grave and sober". The keeper had to pledge himself that "quiet should be enjoyed in the appartments" of the guests.) He partook of the military spirit of the family, and acted as Lieutenant to Col. Benjamin Church in his raids for King Philip in August, 1676.

Their children were:

SETH, born Nov. 28, 1667; died Oct. 26, 1729. Married Elizabeth Delano May 24, 1728. He kept an Inn at Plymouth, and in 1692, after the charter of William and Mary, he moved to Boston.

ISAAC, born March 6, 1679; died —.

PRISCILLA, born Aug. 22, 1681; died —; married, writes one, Peter Bennett; another says, Peter Connett, of North Bridgewater, Oct. 30, 1700.

ELIZABETH, born Dec. 2, 1682; died April 1, 1685.

NATHAN, born Oct. 13, 1687, in Middleborough; married Frances Coombs.

JAEL, born Oct. 13, 1688; died Nov., 1743; married Capt. Nathaniel Southworth.

SUSANNAH, born Oct. 14, 1690; died Nov., 1743; married Ephraim Wood.

HANNAH, born Oct. 16, 1694; died —; married Dec. 15, 1716, John Tinkham.

(Of the ten children of the Pilgrims John and Elizabeth Tilley Howland, probably the first six were born in Plymouth and the other four at Rocky Nook, which was a part of the Plymouth colony.)